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162nd MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS BUREAU

**Chamber of Commerce
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**2 September 2015
from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Title	Document No
1. Adoption of the agenda <i>For decision</i>	COR-2015-03931-00-00-CONVPOJ-TRA
2. Minutes of the 161st Bureau meeting, held on 7 July 2015 <i>For decision</i>	COR-2015-03204-00-00-PV-TRA COR-2015-03204-00-00-PV-REF
3. Welcome address by Mr Marc Schaefer, Head of the Luxembourgish delegation to the CoR	
4. Statement by the president a. Presidency's activities b. Report on the Conference of Presidents <i>For information</i>	COR-2015-03931-00-00-NB-TRA
5. Consultative work a. Allocation of own-initiative opinions <i>For decision</i>	COR-2015-03931-01-00-NB-TRA

Title	Document No
6. Debate "New impetus for cross-border cooperation" <i>For debate</i>	COR-2015-03931-02-00-NB-TRA
<p>10 a.m. Opening of the debate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome address by Markku Markkula, President of the European Committee of the Regions • Statement by Camille Gira, Secretary of State, Luxembourgish Presidency <p>10.30-11.15 a.m.: The cross-border dimension applied to EU legislation and policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderated by Karl-Heinz Lambertz, First Vice-President of the CoR • Nikola Dobroslavić, rapporteur of the opinion "Strengthening cross-border cooperation: the need for a better regulatory framework?"; • Olgierd Geblewicz, First Vice- Chair of the CIVEX Commission; • Peter Mehlbye, Director of the ESPON Coordination Unit; • Volker Staudt, Director of the Deutsch-Luxemburgisches Schengen Lyzeum. <p>Debate with the members</p> <p>11.15-11.30 a.m.: Coffee break</p> <p>11.30 a.m.-12.15 p.m.: Bringing people closer – Cross-border investments and funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderated by Markku Markkula, President of the European Committee of the Regions • Statements by Michael Cramer, Chair of the Committee TRAN of the European Parliament; • Raffaele Cattaneo, Chair of the COTER Commission; • Agnès Monfret, Head of Unit of European Cross-border cooperation at DG Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission; • Herlad Ruijters, Head of Unit of MOVE, B.1, Trans-european Transport Network, European Commission; • Neil Valentine, Head of Division Roads, Mobility Department, Projects Directorate at the European Investments Bank. <p>Debate with the members</p> <p>12.15-12.30 p.m.: Conclusions by Marc Schaefer, Head of the Luxembourgish Delegation to the CoR</p>	
7. Declaration "25 years of INTERREG: New impetus for cross-border cooperation" <i>For decision</i>	COR-2015-03931-03-00-NB-TRA

Title	Document No
8. Bureau Declaration on the implementation of the 2015 European Semester and in view of the 2016 Annual Growth Survey <i>For decision</i>	COR-2015-03931-04-00-NB-TRA
9. Any other business	
10. Date of the next meeting	
